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### THE CHARTER AMENDMENT.

The criticism was raised before the bond election that the call for the bonds did not state that the money was to be used to develop the mineral springs. Opponents to the bonds explained that the matter was left wide open so that the money could be legally expended for any water-works purpose; that as far as the ordinance voting the bonds was concerned the money could be used for developing more water up the creek, building bigger dams, etc., if the council so desired. The council and the committee drew the bond ordinance that way because it deemed that such a bond could be marketed at a lower rate of interest than a bond for springs development could be sold. The charter amendment protecting the expenditure of the funds had been drawn and an election on it called for the same election at which the bonds were voted, and but for a legal error would have been voted on that day. When the error in the charter amendment was discovered it was at once corrected and another election on the charter amendment called for June 23, at which time the people may adopt it and the funds arising from the sale of the bonds will be specifically appropriated for the springs project and proper protection provided for the expenditure of the funds. In justice to the city attorney and the council it should be stated that the legal error in the charter amendment occurred through no fault of theirs. The amendment was properly and legally drawn in the first instance, but was amended by the council at the instance of the springs committee, and thus the error crept in. The amendment as originally drawn provided for a commission of three and named the present committee as the first commissioners. The springs committee was not aware it had been named in the charter amendment until the document was read in council meeting. The springs committee believed that no commissioners should be named in the ordinance, leaving the matter open so that any citizen could run for commissioner, and so stated to the council. Upon that request the council amended the proposed amendment so that it could be left open for other candidates. Thus arose the legal technicality. Under the old charter there was no provision for electing them except at the regular city election in December, while the proposed amendment provided that the commissioners should be elected at the same election at which the amendment was adopted. Thus it proved necessary for the council to rescind its first call for an election to adopt the charter amendment, which it did. The amendment was then again redrawn so that it provided for naming the commissioners as a part of the amendment, thus making it legal to name the commissioners at the same time the amendment is adopted. This is the way it will be voted on June 23.

How many Ashlanders have ever visited the agate beds near Eagle Point? Thousands of beautiful agates have been found there this past spring. The place has been a favorite rendezvous for a number of Ashland men. The industry has grown until W. B. Penniston has put in machinery and equipment for an up-to-date agate-polishing establishment, and the Tidings editor was presented a beautiful stone suitable for a charm from the granite beds of Jackson county, polished by an Ashland worker.

If you were an Ashland tourist, here to spend two months for recreation, what interesting side trips could you make? Where would you go and what would you see? In advertising Ashland as a tourist resort these interesting side trips should be set forth and the special attractions described. Who can arrange and make out the best itinerary for a three months' stay in this section? Everybody is invited to figure out the best series of side trips and write it for the Tidings "Forum" column.

### STANDING TOGETHER.

The communities of southern Oregon need to broaden out. They need a wider perspective in their eye. They must look beyond their immediate and selfish interest. The whole of southern Oregon, viewed as such, presents a wonderfully attractive aspect. The Marble Caves belong not alone to Josephine county. Crater Lake belongs not alone to Klamath county, nor does Klamath Lake or Lake of the Woods. The mineral springs belong not alone to Ashland. These are world attractions and must be viewed as such. Every southern Oregon community must get behind all of them and claim them as their own. This section has wonderful opportunities, the vitality of one locality lending force and attractiveness to the other, and the whole taken together presenting the finest scenic and climatic drawing power to be found in the same area in the world. The tri-county meeting to be held at Klamath Falls on June 23 is hoped to formulate an organization broad as the whole of southern Oregon for the purpose of exploiting the attractions of this section as a whole. Every community should lend its support to this movement. The possibilities are great. There is much and big work to be done. The burden is too great for any single community to bear alone, but the whole of southern Oregon welded into a solid compact can accomplish a splendid destiny for this section.

### ELECTION JUNE 23.

Between the bond election and the election for the charter amendment two weeks will elapse. This was necessitated by reason of legal technicalities in the original charter amendment. It was at first intended that the bonds should be voted and the charter amended at the same election on June 9th, but when the defect was discovered it necessitated the recalling of the charter amendment election for June 23.

The charter amendment designed for the adequate protection of the funds voted on June 9 is printed in full in another column and will be voted on June 23, a week from tomorrow.

If the charter amendment is voted down the funds arising from the bond issue adopted June 9 will go into the hands of the council to be expended without restriction; if the charter amendment is adopted the funds will be expended by the commission named therein under the restrictions named in the proposed charter amendment.

For advertising purposes we will need euphonious names for the different medicinal waters, especially for the new lithia, the artesian soda and the hot sulphur and white sulphur. Who can furnish the best names? Not for the springs, but for the waters. No proper names are to be used. Make the name fit the waters and the medicinal value thereof. The Waukesha water is named "White Rock," donating the extreme purity of it. French Lick water is named "Pluto," indicating the effect on the human system. A Mineral Wells water is named "Crazy Water," indicating the tendency of the water to bubble and sizzle. These names indicate what we have in mind when we ask that the Ashland mineral waters be given proper names.

### Good Work.

(Robert Ruhl in Medford Sun.)  
Ashland is to be congratulated upon the overwhelming majority in support of the \$175,000 water bonds. With unedical and palatable waters which experts declare are unexcelled, with the natural beauties of mountain, forest and stream, and with the climatic mean between the dry warmth of southern California and the damp chill of Puget Sound there is no reason why another Asheville, N. C., should not flourish at the base of the Siskiyou. Here's to the city's rebirth and the glory of its progressive citizenship!

Oregonian: Ashland pushes steadily upward toward her high ambition to become a "water-cure" city. She has had the necessary mineral springs always. She has now voted the bonds to develop them, and nothing stands between the dream and its fulfillment but a few formalities. Ashland is such a pleasant place that one would gladly be moderately sick to have an excuse for staying there a month or two.

The Tidings lost a few subscribers because it refused to give those opposed to the bonds free space to fight the issue. What would you think of a man who would induce a number of citizens to contribute \$5.00 to forward an enterprise for the benefit of the town and then allow the opposition to fight it through his paper for nothing?

Make it "Ashland the Beautiful."

## Post Road Progress In Jackson County

(By E. J. Kaiser.)

The rural postal roads being built in Jackson county under the direction of the office of public roads, department of agriculture, will be completed by August 1, according to Major W. A. Crossland, senior United States highway engineer in charge. The work was begun last fall and remained dormant until this spring. The fund consists of \$30,000 and the federal government through the Shackleford bill made the \$500,000 appropriation from which Oregon got \$10,000 which Governor West awarded to Jackson county, the county court qualifying by appropriating the other two-thirds from the county road fund. The routes selected were made jointly by a representative of the office of public roads and the postmaster-general and secretary of agriculture, the principal issue being the population to be served by rural free delivery routes.

In addition to the appropriation made by the Shackleford bill the office of public roads furnishes the services of the senior highway engineer and a junior highway engineer, Robert H. Harrison, as well as all their expenses, including automobile hire, thus allowing the entire appropriation.

The work was divided into four routes, the principal mileage being a circle of the valley from Medford through Agate to the Modoc orchard or old Bybee bridge, then past the Antioch school house and Sams Valley postoffice to Gold Hill, after which it takes the Kanes creek route and skirts the foothills west of Central Point and comes into Medford again via Ross Lane. The route makes a total of 38 miles and it makes a tour of the valley, which for scenic beauty far surpasses the Pacific Highway, which passes through the center of the valley along the line of the railroad in the main. Along this route there is one loop that connects Central Point with the Agate and Butte creek and Sams valley country on the east and consists of two miles and another two-mile loop that connects Central Point on the west with the foothills road commonly known as "Millionaire Row" on account of the section being noted for the beautiful modern homes and elegant orchards established and maintained in recent years by wealthy people who have selected that elevated locality on account of its panoramic view of the lower valley.

The other is a ten-mile loop south of Medford covering the thickly populated suburban population off from Oakdale avenue to the vicinity of the old county hospital site.

The entire route covers 52 miles and none of it duplicates the Pacific Highway. The Shackleford bill was a single appropriation by congress as an experiment to meet the cry for better postal roads as a result of the parcel post and carried few directions, Major Crossland and his office using their judgment in the expenditure of the money. The county had expended considerable funds on some of this mileage in the past ten years in roads, bridges and improving the roadway, and Major Crossland is leaving these stretches intact and expending the money in concrete bridges across creeks and culverting the gullies and reducing the higher grades and raising the surfaces at low points and in swampy or sticky districts placing the Telford foundation and crushed rock. There are also a few slight changes in the roadway where the right of way and some expense is being supplied by the adjoining property.

Of the nine reinforced concrete bridges the most expensive one cost \$878.50 on contract price and the total bridges and culverts will approximate about \$5,000. About \$8,000 will be spent on the north side of Rogue river, principally in crushed rock road some four miles beyond Modoc orchard bridge, and considerable Telford foundation as well as bridges. A rock crusher is at work in the last named vicinity now.

Major Crossland has been with the road engineering department of the federal government for thirteen years, ten of which were in road building in the Philippines. Mr. Harrison has been with the office of public roads for several years and will this year be promoted to a senior engineer.

Too many boys leave the farm where they would have made substantial and good citizens, and go to the city where only one in a thousand succeeds in life's battle. There are farmers who fairly drive their boys away. There is no excuse for this. The farmer boy is entitled to his vacations, to several relaxations, his visits to the city, good books, magazines and his home paper.

Phone news items to the Tidings.

### A Mistaken Idea.

The writer has often heard many people complaining that the money they pay in for taxes for street improvement is not spent in their section of town; that they do not get value returned for their taxes. This is especially true of street improvement. This idea is in most cases erroneous for the reason which will follow: Take street improvement, for instance. Ashland is divided into seven street improvement districts. Each district of the seven is a separate unit in itself, as far as money expending is concerned. For example, take district 1. The taxpayers of district 1 are assessed only for the streets in their section, and for no other. The money that is paid in by the taxpayers of district 1 is kept absolutely separate from the money in district 2. When the money is spent for street improvements the money from district 1 can only be applied in district 1.

Let us not complain when our street is not fixed up, for we must remember that only so much money is spent in our district as our district has paid in. This applies to other things—to cement walks, sewer, curb and gutter.

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### Swat the Fly.

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True, there are many other sources

for disease to be carried besides the fly, but he is the chief one and right now is the time to wage war upon him. At this time of the year the eggs are being laid whereby millions more will be hatched out by summer. If they are killed at this stage the benefit gained is many fold greater than the same slaughter a month later.

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